

IN THE CLAIMS:

For the Examiner's convenience, all claims currently pending have been reproduced below.

1. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus having a plurality of operation modes including a first mode for outputting image data read by image reading means and a second mode for outputting print data received from outside of the image processing apparatus, the image processing apparatus comprising:

specifying means for specifying an operator, the operator being one of a user and a department that uses the image processing apparatus;

timing means for timing an operation time for each of the plurality of operation modes and an operation time for the specified operator during operation of the image processing apparatus;

memory means for storing a power consumption amount per unit time for each of the plurality of operation modes;

calculation means for calculating a power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus for the specified operator based on the power consumption amount per unit time stored by said memory means and the operation times timed by said timing means;

preparation means for preparing statistical information concerning the power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus calculated by said calculation means; and

output means for performing an output of the statistical information prepared by said preparation means.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising management means for managing user identification information by associating the user identification information with the operation times timed by said timing means,

wherein said preparation means prepares the statistic information based on the timed operation times, the power consumption amount per unit time for each of the plurality of operation modes, and the user identification information.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein said output means sends the prepared statistical information concerning power consumption to a terminal apparatus external to the image processing apparatus as a markup language.

6. (Original) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first mode is a copy mode and the second mode is a printer mode.

7. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said output means outputs the prepared statistical information concerning power consumption to a display unit during designated processing for designating the operation mode or during execution of the operation mode.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an information processing apparatus capable of communicating with the image processing apparatus.

10-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) An information output method for outputting information concerning power consumption in an image processing apparatus having a plurality of operation modes including a first mode for outputting image data read by image reading means and a second mode for outputting print data received from outside of the image processing apparatus, the information output method comprising the steps of:

reading out operation time data for said each operation mode and operation time data for an operator, the operator being one of a user and a department that uses the image processing apparatus;

reading out power consumption amount per unit time data for each of the plurality of operation modes;

calculating a power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus for the operator based on the power consumption amount per unit time data and the operation time data;

preparing statistical information concerning the power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus; and

performing an output of the statistical information.

13-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A computer readable storage medium having stored therein a program which is executed by an information processing apparatus for outputting information concerning power consumption in an image processing apparatus having a plurality of operation modes including a first mode for outputting image data read by image reading means and a second mode for outputting print data received from outside of the image processing apparatus, the program comprising the steps of:

reading out operation time data for said each operation mode and operation time data for an operator, the operator being one of a user and a department that uses the image processing apparatus;

reading out a power consumption amount per unit time data for each of the plurality of operation modes;

calculating a power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus for the operator based on the power consumption amount per unit time data and the operation time data;

preparing statistical information concerning the power consumption amount of the image processing apparatus; and

performing an output of the statistical information.

18. (Cancelled)